

# MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES

**November 6, 2007**

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) meeting was held via teleconference at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification, (BLC) 1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158, Carson City, Nevada. Roll call was taken and Christie Casey noted that there was a quorum.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Penny Williams, M.T., Chairperson  
Alex Stojanoff, Ph.D.  
David P. Marmaduke, M.D.  
Maria L. Valencik, Ph.D.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Susan A. Doberneck, M.D.  
Lucius Blanchard, M.D.

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Amy Roukie, Health Division Administrative Services Officer IV (ASO IV)  
Todd Myler, BLC Administrative Services Officer I (ASO I)  
Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General  
Lisa Jones, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Licensure & Certification  
Jennifer Dunaway, Health Facilities Surveyor IV (HFS IV)  
Vickie Estes, Health Facilities Surveyor III (HFS III)  
Jane Edwards, Health Facilities Surveyor II (HFS II)  
Christie Casey, Administrative Assistant III (AA III)  
Stephanie Sproull, Administrative Assistant II (AA II)  
Jan M. Conway-Klaassen, UNLV CLS Program Director  
Jill Brown, M.T.

1. **Approval of minutes:** Dr. Valencik, Ph.D., made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 MLAC meeting that was seconded by Dr. Marmaduke. The motion was approved.
2. **Review and approval:** Rochelle Martire's application for certification for Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(1). BLC received and reviewed Ms. Martire's application and documentation of work experience and education. MLAC reviewed and approved Ms. Martire's application for Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(3). Dr. Valencik made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Dr. Marmaduke. All four members present approved.
3. **Review and approval:** Rachelle Kanas' application for certification for Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(1). BLC received and reviewed Ms. Kanas' application and documentation of work experience and education. MLAC reviewed and approved Ms. Kanas' application for Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(3). Dr. Valencik made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Dr. Stojanoff. All four members present approved.
4. **Committee review, discussion and recommendations of proposed revisions to the regulations for Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 652 Medical Laboratories:** Jennifer Dunaway confirmed that members had received and reviewed the spreadsheets and revised proposed fee increases; then introduced Amy Roukie ASO IV and Chief Financial Officer for the Health Division and Todd Myler ASO I for BLC. Amy Roukie discussed the Legislative Process; Todd Myler elaborated on how the Medical Laboratories' biennium budget was developed & legislatively approved. Penny Williams expressed concern that some laboratories take eight hours to get a complete application. Jennifer Dunaway explained the steps involved in the licensing process. Dr.

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Stojanoff asked how much money Medical Laboratories is losing. Todd Myler stated the Medical Laboratory Services Program had a revenue shortfall of \$345,000 in SFY 08 and \$391,000 in SFY 09, and for the past 3 years we have been losing money. The Medical Facilities Program within BLC has been funding/subsidizing Medical Laboratories. Dr. Stojanoff posed the question of increasing General Supervisor fees. Jennifer Dunaway stated that comments from the public workshops were in opposition to the higher fees for General Supervisors, stating it would have an adverse effect on recruitment and retention of General Supervisors for laboratories if increases were left at the higher original proposed fee of \$390. A discussion was held on the possibility of future increases and a cap of fees. Jennifer Dunaway explained that BLC will review licensing fees every two years and makes a determination for Medical Laboratories if current licensing fees are appropriate to support the workload of the program with no unnecessary surplus. Amy Roukie explained that we can not cap fees statutorily. A motion was made by Dr. Stojanoff and a second made by Dr. Valencik to approve a recommendation by the MLAC for the State Board of Health to adopt the proposed revisions to NAC 652 on December 7, 2007. All members present approved.

5. **Public comment and discussion:** Dan Kerrigan posed several questions about the spreadsheets which were answered by Todd Myler and Jennifer Dunaway. Vickie Estes commented that she wanted to let the MLAC members know Herb Brown passed away on October 21, 2007. Mr. Brown was the laboratory manager at Mt. Grant General Hospital in Hawthorne, Nevada. Jill Brown has been a valued member of this committee in the past and has agreed to serve on this committee to fill the position. Lisa Jones commented that BLC agreed to meet with Dan Kerrigan to address his concerns and will compile and distribute to MLAC a list of his concerns.
6. Motion to adjourn was made by Penny Williams, M.T., and Chairperson and seconded by everyone.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.